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To stop the bloodshed for good . . .

BRITAIN OUT OF IRELAND NOW!



Millions of people in Ireland and Britain thought that peace was just around the corner, at last. Twenty-seven years of bloody conflict seemed about to end.

Then on 9 February a massive bomb exploded in London's docklands, killing two people. A week later another bomb went off prematurely on a London bus. The IRA ceasefire was over.

If you have a closed mind, then stop reading this now. Rip this paper into pieces and throw it away. Keep watching the telly and reading the daily papers instead. That way you won't hear any uncomfortable facts about what this bloody war is really about.

But if you want to know why the IRA are still at war with Britain, then turn to pages four and five.

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Dockers strike wins world support!

BY ADAM, PIMLICO

Dockers in Liverpool have been on strike for nearly 25 weeks against the sacking of 500 workers. The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company "released" them (threw them on the dole) to hire new, cheaper labour to do the work for less money. Because of mass unemployment there is a constant supply of people prepared to take the bosses' thirty pieces of silver and break strikes.

But the sacked dockers have not just taken this and gone home without a job. They have been fighting back! There have been picketlines outside the Liverpool docks since the sackings took place, with all 500 workers sticking together and trying to stop scabs (strikebreakers) going in. A series of mass demonstrations in Liverpool have attracted a lot of support from around the country.

The workers have used their trade union, the Transport and General Workers' Union (T&G), to get help and support their fight. But the union leaders have not done all they could.

The bosses made a "pay offer" which the T&G leaders agreed to, which would have only meant a small sum for the sacked workers and no return to their jobs. The union leaders were ready to accept this because all they want is a quiet life so they can continue to draw their big salaries, which are much higher than the workers they represent.

But the dockers were not in the mood to be bought off.

They rejected the sell-out. 84% of the workers voted against the pay-off and are continuing to strike.

Because of the Tory anti-union laws the T&G tops do not want to stir anything and get involved in illegal strikes and struggles because they fear that the courts will order them to pay fines or confiscate the union's funds - that will mean no pay rise for them at the end of year!

The Tory laws mean that other

workers in this country cannot go out on strike in support of the dockers. So what the dockers have been doing is finding international support for their struggle. They now have the backing of dockers all over the world, from Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Israel, who are refusing to handle goods going to and from the Liverpool docks.

Because companies do not just trade in one country, but all around the world, it is necessary for the working class to organise around the world.

This is why it is so important for working class organisations to be international, not just narrow, national ones.

The dockers have shown that Karl Marx's most famous slogan is not out of date but has never been more relevant:

"Workers of all countries, unite!"

Will refugees starve?

On the 5th of February free school meals were cut off to the children of refugees who didn't apply for asylum in the first week of being in this country. These meals could have been the only decent hot meal of the day.

On this date all other benefits were cut off. This includes housing benefit, income support and legal aid.

Even incapacity benefit given to disabled people was cut off.

This means that refugees and their children will be left homeless and starving.

This was brought about in preparation for the racist Asylum and Immigration Bill which was dreamt up by Michael Howard to get votes from racists in an attempt to win the next election.

BY TOM, SOUTH LONDON

This bill will mean that people trying to seek asylum in Britain will find it even harder than it already is, with a new fast track procedure, meaning that trials will be held very quickly so

refugees won't have time to get support and without legal aid it will be almost impossible to win a case.

A 'white list' of so called 'safe countries' has been drawn up where ministers deem it is impossible to be a genuine refugee. If you try and seek

asylum from these countries you will not have it granted.

On this list are countries such as Ghana, where activists can be locked up for their views, India, where separatists face state violence and repression and Pakistan where blasphemy is punishable by death, which affects people who don't support the official religion.

Race checks at work will mean that those people who "do not look British" will be harassed to prove that they are not 'illegal immigrants'.

This bill will just give racist bosses one more reason not to employ black workers.

HOW TO KILL THE BILL

We need mass non-co-operation of workers. Teachers, canteen staff, DSS workers, civil servants and council employees should not carry out any part of this racist bill and continue to give students food, give refugees their benefits and not hand out information on possible illegal immigrants.

One student refused a free school meal is one student too many!

If anyone is not fed then canteen staff, teachers and students should break the racist law and feed refugees' children, even if it means taking over the canteen.

DSS workers should give benefits to refugees and council housing workers should not kick refugees out on to the streets.

If any worker is sacked or disciplined for refusing to comply then the unions should, along with the students go on strike until the charges are dropped.

We cannot let students starve. We have to fight to make sure every student and every refugee is fed and given vital benefits.

Sex, Drugs and Tory Lies

LETTERS 3

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DEAR REVOLUTION,

In the latest issue of Just Seventeen there was a free booklet called Clued Up, all about drugs being "crazy, unsexy, not cool". I think this is a load of rubbish.

In the booklet we are repeatedly told that many drugs are illegal and you'll be arrested for taking them. This is very unlikely if you take drugs in the safety of someone's home or discreetly in clubs. We are also given advice telling us not to take acid because you will "imagine you can fly and jump out of a window". This is total nonsense, an old scare story; how many people that you know have jumped out of a window whilst tripping? The booklet even tells people not to smoke cannabis - without ever explaining that it is almost completely harmless! Alcohol kills scores of thousands every year - there are no recorded deaths from cannabis.

This magazine says nothing about the real dangerous drugs: alcohol, tobacco, tamezepam (jellies), heroin

and cocaine. These are the drugs which are most likely to get you addicted, damage your health or kill you.

The Tories are totally for the sort of information these magazines are giving us. They don't want people having fun or understanding the real facts about the drugs they take. The Tories also want these magazines to stop giving advice on sex because under 16 year olds "shouldn't" be having sexual relationships. But just by reading the problem pages you can see that sex education is very poorly taught - some of the questions are ridiculous! If the Tories get these magazines to stop writing about sex then many young people will know even less about sex and find themselves getting pregnant or catching diseases.

What should we know about sex and drugs?

We should know the whole truth! Because youth are having sex and taking drugs then we should be

taught about how to have fun safely. People get in trouble and have accidents when they aren't educated about the facts.

If drugs were legalised then people would know that the drugs they bought were as safe as possible. The dosage and purity of E, speed, etc would be controlled.

Drugs could have health warnings on them, for example you would be told to stop dancing and have a rest every couple of hours when buying an ecstasy tablet, and be told not to overheat and not to drink too much water.

That way the tiny number of deaths and injuries on E would be even lower. In the Clued Up booklet it lists some things you can buy for the price of an 'E'. One of these is three months worth of Just Seventeen. With the sort of rubbish that they write I know what I'd choose.

Yours,
Caz, Manchester

Nice one Jarvis!

DEAR REVOLUTION

The 1995 music business Brit Awards are being talked about for far more than the usual "who won what" reasons. The biggest story was that Jarvis Cocker of the band Pulp jumped on stage during Michael Jackson's stage show, and started taking the piss.

Now Jarvis is being accused of abusing children because he is supposed to have trodden on one of the toes of one of the children taking part in Jackson's act.

This is out of order, because everyone knows that Jackson spent a fortune buying his way out of a scandal about sexually abusing a child fan. Most people who know Jarvis have asserted that he wouldn't hurt a fly. Jarvis' stage invasion was prompted by Jackson's act itself. He had the nerve to portray himself as a Christ-like figure being adorned with praise by dishevelled children who are then saved by the divine power of... Michael Jackson.

Jarvis, like myself and many others, felt too angry to just applaud politely at the end and I'm just surprised that no-one else joined him.

The organisers of the Brit Awards bowed to pressure from Sony to change the theme this year from being a celebration of British artists achievements to being a publicity stage for Wackko Jackko to relaunch his career. This, together with the disgusting antics of the most celebrated living pop star, was enough to warrant a reaction.

At the same awards ceremony Noel Gallagher of Oasis made a statement that the award he got was important as it was voted for by fans unlike awards from "corporate pigs" that mean nothing to him. He also proclaimed "power to the people".

The concentration of the Brit awards on mainly white guitar bands has also wound people up. There was only one award for dance music (!) and no mention at all of

Brit Hop. If you're into black music, soul, funk and jungle, you would have got the feeling from watching the Brit Awards that you didn't really exist.

Music is big business and all this goes to show that the music industry is no different from any other industry. Private profit and corporate greed get in the way of the music industry really reflecting the music people want to make and listen to.

If it was nationalised under the control of working people, and if access to studio time and equipment was made widely available in a democratic way, music of every type would develop still further. Then awards ceremonies would reflect every style and taste.

They would concentrate on music, not the obscene spectacle of a deranged billionaire proclaiming himself to be God.

Yours,
Shuvo, North London

4 IRELAND

A GUIDE TO THE IRISH WAR



What is the Irish conflict all about?

The IRA - and the political party that supports them, Sinn Féin - are fighting for a United Ireland. They want an end to the division of their country into two separate states, so that the Irish people as a whole can decide their own future. This means an end to the presence of British troops in Northern Ireland, and an end to the Northern Ireland state itself.

Why was Ireland divided in the first place?

For hundreds of years Ireland was a colony of Britain. The Irish did not have their own government and were ruled directly from London! In 1918 - the last time there was an all-Ireland election - the majority of Irish people voted to set up an independent state.

Britain would not respect the wishes of the Irish people. They sent in troops and gangs of criminals recruited to terrorise the people, who were known as the "Black and Tans". The Irish did not accept this lying down. They fought a brave and bloody war against the British occupation of their country.

In 1921, the British made a deal and divided Ireland into two. The relied for support on the Protestant minority in the North East. Using the

BY DAVE, LEICESTER

tried and tested technique of "Divide and Rule", they gave the Protestant people slight privileges over the Catholic majority: better chances of finding work, better housing, better chances at school, and more freedom. So it was no surprise that most Protestants became "Loyalists" or "Unionists" and decided they wanted to stay "part of Britain".

Why won't the IRA let Northern Ireland stay part of Britain if that's what people want?

Not everyone in Northern Ireland is a Loyalist. On the contrary there is a large minority - mainly Catholics - who want independence and Irish Unity.

The Loyalists are only a majority in the northern state because Britain cheated when Ireland was divided. Originally the province of Ulster had 9 counties. In these, a majority were Catholics - mainly nationalists who wanted Irish independence. So Britain drew an artificial border that was mapped out in London with only one aim in mind - keeping the nationalists as a minority. Only 6 of the 9 counties of Ulster were included in the new state, which one Loyalist leader called "a Protestant state for a Protestant people."

Discrimination against Catholics and nationalists was built into the set up right from the start.

How did the present Troubles begin?

After the Civil war of the 1920s, anger and discontent continued simmering away until the late 1960s. By then the nationalists in the North had had enough. In 1966 in Derry, for example, there were twice as many Catholics as Protestants, but the Protestant areas had 12 seats in the northern Ireland parliament and the Catholics had only 8.

In the autumn of 1968 a Civil Rights movement was begun by Northern nationalists, who were impressed by the brave struggle of black people in the USA for freedom and equal rights. But when the Nationalists marched they were faced with violent attacks by police, soldiers and unofficial gangs, all overwhelmingly made up of Loyalists. Soon mobs were attacking the nationalist areas every night. The Catholic communities - especially the youth - set up street committees to organise their own defence, building barricades and bravely fighting back.

The situation was heading for civil war or revolution. The British took no chances. Not for the first (or the

last) time, a Labour government put the interests of the bosses' establishment before that of democracy and freedom - they sent British troops back into Northern Ireland.

They claimed to be "neutral", a 'peacekeeping force' to "keep the two sides apart". But their real aim was to defeat the movement for equal rights and Irish unity.

The British Army took down the barricades defending catholic areas and started imprisoning nationalists without trial, breaking down doors in the early hours of the morning and dragging young people away to prison.

When the nationalists held a march against internment on 30 January 1972 the British opened fire, killing 14 unarmed demonstrators. This day became known as Bloody Sunday. After that Catholic youth flocked to join the provisional IRA, which vowed to fight until the British troops were forced to leave Ireland for good.

But surely violence is always wrong!

At first this sounds obvious. After all, only psychopaths could claim to enjoy seeing people hurt, suffering and killed.

But in reality very few people really believe that violence is always wrong. The Church says "Thou shalt not kill", but has backed two World Wars this century.

Most people would say there have been occasions when violence and war are justified - such as the violence of Jewish partisans resisting the Nazis who wanted to wipe out all Jews during World War Two. And who could honestly say that the violence of a slaveowner who puts a captive in chains is the same as the violence of slaves who free themselves from their chains? The point is that before condemning violence, it is necessary to look at its real causes, and decide who, if anybody, is in the right.

The establishment are perfectly willing to take sides. For example, British newspapers tell us that the IRA are cowardly terrorists whereas the British Army, despite their long history of cruel killings of Catholic youth with plastic bullets, despite Bloody Sunday, despite the raids and the torture and the beatings, are just brave men doing their job. This is because the millionaires who own the papers have taken sides in the Irish war - with Britain and against a United Ireland.

Why have the IRA thrown away the chance for peace?

They haven't - John Major and the British government have. For 17

months the IRA stopped all armed actions. There were no

IRA shootings or bombings, either in Britain or Northern Ireland. This ceasefire was a clear demonstration by the IRA that they were prepared to talk to the British government and the Loyalists and try to come to a negotiated settlement.

But Major would not start the talks, he insisted that the IRA should give up all their guns first... while the British Army was to remain in Ireland. This was incredibly unrealistic. At the same time as he admits that the conflict in Ireland was a war, Major tried to get one side to do what no other military force has ever done - surrender before peace talks even began. The real reason - Major's government is weak. He needs to keep some support from the Loyalist MPs in parliament. He put his own survival before the peace process and the lives of hundreds of soldiers and civilians.



Can the IRA win?

Revolution supports the IRA in their war against the British occupation of their country. But we do not think they can win unless they change their whole political strategy. Right from the start the IRA tried to force Britain out by using the methods of guerrilla war - bombings of military and commercial targets, and armed attacks on soldiers. As revolutionary youth in Britain we will not condemn these actions - even if civilians are killed. The responsibility for the war lies with the British ruling class.

But the whole idea of guerrilla war is doomed to fail. It relies on a handful of dedicated fighters rather than the actions of the masses of anti-unionist workers themselves. And a few hundred IRA fighters will never be able to defeat over 30,000 British troops, 13,000 armed police, and a loyalist community which is allowed by British law to keep hold of its 130,000 guns and weapons.

In fact, today even the IRA admit

they cannot bomb Britain out of Ireland. They are just trying to bomb Britain to the negotiating table. Because their approach has failed to get the British out over the last 25 years, they are prepared to go into talks without any chance of real success.

So what can be done?

In Britain, the working class movement - the unions and the Labour party - should end their disgraceful support for the British occupation of Ireland. Young people in particular have a vital role to play in building broad support for the immediate withdrawal of British troops from Ireland. The Irish people themselves - as a whole, in elections across the whole 32 counties of Ireland - should have the right to determine their own future. The Prevention of Terrorism Act - which is used to harass Irish people - should be scrapped and all IRA prisoners of war should be released.

In Ireland the anti-unionists have shown great bravery - now they need a strategy that can win a just and lasting peace. Instead of relying on an elite band of guerrilla fighters, they should look to mass action by the working class - strikes, marches and organised self-defence of their communities. Instead of giving up their guns, the IRA should put them at the disposal of the masses, setting up popular defence committees to control the action.

The Loyalist 'community' is in fact an alliance between two classes: the Unionist bosses and misguided Protestant workers. Only a socialist movement would be able to combine the fight for a united Ireland with a real campaign for jobs, homes and better conditions for all working class people. Only a movement to take over ownership and control of private industry and the banks, taxing the rich and planning society on a democratic socialist basis, could show the Loyalist workers who their real friends are and tear them away from their long alliance with their own bosses.

The nationalism of the IRA can never do this. The national and democratic revolution in Ireland can only succeed as a socialist workers' revolution. That is why REVOLUTION supports the efforts of the Irish Workers Group, which is campaigning for a new party with the goal of a United Workers' Republic of Ireland.

6 SCHOOLS

HYPROCrites!

BY KIRSTIE, EAST LONDON

Ever noticed how some people say one thing and do another? The Labour Party says that education should be a right for every child, regardless of their background. They say they are in favour of free education for everyone. They say they are against selective education.

And yet Harriet Harman, a top Labour MP, caused a scandal by sending her son to a posh selective school miles away from Peckham, her deprived South London constituency! She defended her decision by arguing that every parent should send their children to the school of their choice.

But what choice do most parents really have? Well they can 'choose' to live in a nice middle class area with good primary schools that prime their pupils for selective tests to get into grammar schools. Or they can 'choose' to pay thousands a year to private schools with small classes and brilliant facilities.

This is not an option for the vast majority of working class families. For us there's no choice at all.

Harman can choose to send her son out of Labour controlled Southwark to the leafy suburbs of Kent, but most working class families have to send their children to local schools.

Because the Tories have bled councils dry for the last 16 years and Labour has done nothing to stop it, local schools are run down and badly resourced.



TONY BLAIR LABOUR PARTY LEADER

Labour leader Tony Blair should have sacked Harman for being a hypocrite and backing Tory policies. But instead he supported her.

After all he did a similar thing by sending his son Ewan to a posh school that has 'opted out' of control by the local council - which is another Tory policy Labour says it is against!

The Labour leaders are trying to give a clear message to the middle classes by sending their kids to posh schools.

They are saying: "We have to promise a fair education system so that working class people will vote for us. But don't worry, we won't really change anything."

They are trying to convince the well-off that if they vote Labour,

their kids will still get a better chance in life than everybody else.

Revolution believes that education should be a right for everyone, not a privilege for those that can afford it. We demand that Labour should:

- Abolish private schools and selection. There should be no fees and no entrance exams for any schools. Private schools like Eton and Harrow should be turned into comprehensive schools so that we can use their full facilities to educate local children.

- Fund education according to need. Labour should tax the rich to provide the money to pay for more teachers and more facilities.

- Give youth a say in their education. Why should the Tories have the right to dictate to us what we should learn? Students, parents and teachers should have control over what is taught in schools and how schools are run.

Labour has shown it doesn't care about our education. It will be up to us to organise in our schools alongside teachers to fight against cuts and closures.

We can't afford to wait for a future Labour government to break its promises.

In every school we should be building fighting school unions now to launch a campaign based on action.

LABOUR BARGAINS AWAY OUR FUTURE

It's not just Labour's policy on schools that is dodgy. They are not prepared to stick up for young people when it comes to colleges or job training either.

The Tories are now talking about charging every student £300 just to go to college. This will leave even more

working class youth unable to study after 18.

But Labour education spokesman David Blunkett has agreed not to attack this idea. No wonder - if they win the next election Labour are thinking of bringing in a new Graduate tax. Once you finish a degree you will have to pay

off the costs year in year out from your wages. Rich kids will be OK - everyone else will have to live in poverty just because they had the chance to go to college.

If you decide to go straight to work, will Labour make sure young people get decent training? Will they hell. Blair

was suggesting that bosses should be forced to train young people - but then the bosses had a little word with him. Now he's changed his tune.

There will be training . . . but young workers will have to pay for it themselves. Thanks a lot Tony!

Students fight police in Argentina

On Tuesday 20 February millions of Argentinians watched the news in horror as police attacked a peaceful demonstration of students and youth at La Plata university.

Using armoured cars and riot police they cordoned off the college. Students were fired at with plastic bullets and tear gas. Those who were cornered were made to run a gauntlet of police who hit them with long sticks tipped with metal.

A TV cameraman was shot in the leg five times for daring to film what was going on.

250 students were arrested. When human rights activists went to the police station to check if they were all right, they were pushed out of the building. One famous activist, He-Be Bonafini, was smashed over the head with a police baton.

REPRESSION

The head of the University management called in the police to repress the students' protest. He wanted to stop them opposing a new law that will make students pay so that the children of working class people get less chance to study and have even less say about what they are taught.

But the police violence may have backfired. Millions of Argentinians bitterly hate police violence because they remember the military coup of 1976 in which democracy was removed

It's not just in Britain that education is under attack. All over the world the rich are trying to get working class people to pay for their schooling. In Argentina, the bosses are trying to push through a new law to make students pay to go to university (just like the Tories are trying to do here).

But Argentine students are fighting back against this. They have faced violent attacks by police to stop them protesting - but the fight goes on.

Dave from **REVOLUTION** is in Argentina. He is working with the PTS (Workers Party for Socialism) and the JIR-TE, a socialist youth group that sympathises with the PTS and shares a lot of the same ideas as **REVOLUTION**. Here Dave reports on the fight for free education in Argentina and shows how the job facing Students there and here are strikingly similar.

until 1982 and 30,000 opponents of the government "disappeared".

DEMONSTRATION

So the day after the police smashed the student demo, there was a big demonstration in La Plata outside the government building for the Province of Buenos Aires.



PTS DEMONSTRATE IN ARGENTINA

To the horror of the authorities, this time the students were joined by workers protesting at police repression. Council workers and shipbuilders walked out and came on the march, denouncing the police violence. Speaker after speaker demanded that the arrested students should be released, that all the charges be dropped and

that those responsible for the repression be brought to justice.

Militancy works. So does unity between students and workers. That night the news came through that all the prisoners had been released and no-one would be charged. This was a complete climb down. The university

management had failed to turn the students into criminals for protesting.

The struggle didn't end there. The next day there were marches for free education in 3 cities: Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Rosario.

LEADERSHIP

What have the leaders of the student unions been doing in the fight against

the new education law? Incredibly, they have said they want to use the "good parts" of the law and negotiate with management.

This is because they are members of the same political party as the head of the university. It is called the Radical party, but radical is one thing it

definitely isn't!

But the union leaders won't have things their own way. The backdown over police repression in La Plata gives rank and file students the confidence and the chance to step up the campaign to beat the law altogether. At La Plata university, there is a strong group of student members of the PTS, who are ready and willing to provide an alternative leadership to the sell-out "Radicals".

ACTION

The way to stop the union leaders selling out the movement is to set up committees of action of all students who want to fight on. These should be opened up to workers at the university, and a national meeting of students is needed to prepare a series of marches, occupations and strikes across Argentina.

As the violence in La Plata shows, students will need their own self-defence organisations to protect themselves against the police. That way students can be sure that next time it will be the police thugs who run the gauntlet!

REVOLUTION

EDUCATE AGITATE ORGANISE!

STOP POLLUTION!

At 8pm on 15 February the Sea Empress, a large oil tanker, ran aground just off the Milford Haven estuary, Wales. It took a week to get the tanker to a safe harbour. Meanwhile almost half its oil load, some 70,000 tonnes, was spilt into the seas and onto the shoreline of Wales. It left a filthy oil slick more than 12 miles long.

The spill means massive deaths for marine and bird life. The papers are already full of pictures of dead birds and fish, smothered in oil, being collected on black-stained shores.

What is ecologically worse, not just for animals but for us humans, is that lethal toxins in the crude oil will build up in marine life, like crabs and fish, and will go into the food chain. This chain that leads to us, so deadly poisons could get through to humans through the products we eat.

The Tories blamed the terrible weather conditions and the tides for the amazingly slow recovery of the tanker. Initial attempts to secure the tanker failed, but because only small tugger boats were used, not because it was impossible to do. The underlying cause for the slow and weak response to this disaster has been the government's refusal to spend money to clear up oil spills and to stop this kind of thing happening in the future.

Think we're exaggerating? Well, three years ago a similar oil spill happened in the Shetland Isles, with the Braer tanker. This led to an investigation. There were 103 recommendations that came out of it. But the Tories never fully implemented them.

The suggestion of having salvage vessels around the busiest sea areas has only been taken up by the government on a minimal and short-term basis. There are just two of these rescue ships - one in Dover and one in west Scotland - and they have only been hired for six months!

Worse still, the investigation suggested having a third salvage ship in Wales, just where the latest oil spill took place. The Tories completely ignored the idea.

This shows how the government are risking our lives by only paying for short-term clean-up operations instead of permanent plans to combat oil spills. They care about profits and pay-rises for themselves more than spending money on our environment, our scenery and our safety.

REVOLUTION demands that the government pays for all measures needed to combat environmental risks, such as extra salvage tugs and a safe, clean, national transport system. Polluting industries pay for the damage they do and to stop their 1.2 million tonne annual oil dumpings.

We stand for workers' control of all industries and services, so that health and safety will be in the hands of the people who suffer from pollution and dirt, not in the hands of profiteers who couldn't care less.

As long as industry and wealth is the hand of a tiny class of rich parasites, they will always put their profits before our environment. If you want to stop the Tories and the rich destroying our planet, get organised and join our fight for socialism and workers' control.

ONE SOLUTION: REVOLUTION!

We live in a world full of injustice, oppression and poverty. While millions starve, food is destroyed in order to keep its price up. The latest technology in health care cannot be used in many countries because of the payment of foreign debt.

Even the most basic provisions of a good water supply and decent sanitation are denied to people all around the world. Meanwhile ever greater ecological disasters loom on the horizon.

REVOLUTION does not believe there is anything 'natural' about the terrible state of the world. We believe that what is happening is because of the world wide system of capitalism.

It is a system that runs with the sole intention of making money for a tiny handful of capitalists who own and control industry and the land.

We believe that it is possible to create a new and better world system, a socialist system. It would be an international system which means the fight to achieve it must be international. Workers Power (Britain) is part of the League for a Revolutionary Communist International that includes revolutionaries from all over the world.

Because we are internationalists we support all struggles by people oppressed by imperialism - including the struggle to get British troops out of Ireland.

Because we are internationalists we oppose imperialist militarism: we say not a penny or a person for the defence of this system.

A socialist system would be based on common ownership of the land, the factories, offices, transport and communication systems. It would organise society to provide the necessities and luxuries of life for all according to a democratically worked out plan.

This means instead of having people homeless because the privately owned land and building companies only build houses when they can make money, we will all own the land, collectively and we will plan that to use the bricks that lie unused and the building workers who are unemployed to build the homes needed.

To get this, industry and land will have to be taken out of the hands of the few. But this group of people, the ruling class, will never allow us to do this without a fight. The government is prepared to mobilise thousands of police to attack rallies, demonstrations and picket lines. Just imagine what they would be prepared to do to protect their whole system of wealth and power. That is why we believe we need a workers revolution.

But we cannot wait until then, we have to fight against exploitation and oppression now. We support all workers' struggles. We support the struggles against women's oppression, racism and homophobia.

Whether it is workers on strike, women fighting for abortion rights or black people fighting against racism it is often young people who are leading these struggles.

We fight for action that will win and in such a way that the struggles of today can prepare us for the revolution of tomorrow. We try to turn today's struggles into a struggle for power by fighting for workers control, workers self-defence etc.

REVOLUTION stands in the tradition of over 150 years of revolutionary socialism. Our movement is based on the ideas of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky, applied to today's conditions.

REVOLUTION aims to build a revolutionary youth movement, to win thousands and thousands of youth to supporting and building a revolutionary party that can lead the working class to power.

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